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Introduced by Representatives
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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALARMING CASES OF TRANS KILLINGS AND VIOLENCE AGAINST TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 11 of the Philippine Constitution declares that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution states that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to various international human rights instruments that affirm the rights of all persons to life, security, and freedom from discrimination and violence;

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2026, Bella Lutap, a 20-year-old transgender woman from Nueva Ecija, was tragically found dead in an irrigation canal in Sitio Burnao, Zaragoza, on June 20, 2026, after being reported missing for three days;

WHEREAS, transgender woman, IP youth leader, and barangay agricultural worker, Teddy Federico was found dead on July 15, 2026, eight days after being reported as missing;

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2026, Betty Benito, a transgender woman from Malaybalay City, Bukidnon, was reported dead after being found lifeless amongst dense forestry by police and community members;

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2026, transgender woman Jang Caes Macawili was reportedly shot multiple times at an internet café in Cebu City;

WHEREAS, these cases are part of a longer list of transfemicide, defined as killings of transgender women and transfeminine people rooted in transphobia, transmisogyny, hatred, and systemic violence, often compounded by intersecting forms of discrimination and marginalization, which includes Ren Tampus, Shalani Dolina, Kierra Apostol, Teddy Federico, Betty Benito, Jang Caes Macawili, and Ali Macalintal, and many other unreported victims, whose lives were stolen through brutal violence, reflecting a systemic crisis of hatred and impunity;

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2021, Ebeng Mayor, a transgender man, was found dead in an empty lot at Sitio Bakal, Barangay Bagong Silangan, Quezon City, and three suspected individuals were later charged with rape with homicide and robbery;

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2021, a unity statement of Filipino transmasculine organizations, including Transmasculine Philippines, Pioneer Filipino Transgender Men Movement, Transman United Iloilo Panay, Transman Equality and Awareness Movement - Philippines, TransMan Pilipinas, and Transman of Sibugay, condemned the killing of Ebeng Mayor, labeling the rape-slay as a hate crime, calling for a swift investigation;

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2025, the Commission on Human Rights expressed grave concern over a "disturbing pattern of transfemicide" following the brutal killings of transgender women, Kierra Apostol in Cagayan province and Ali Macalintal in General Santos City, and directed its regional offices to investigate;

WHEREAS, the Society of Trans Women of the Philippines, Bahaghari alliance of LGBTQIA+ organizations, and other human rights organizations have continuously documented and denounced these attacks, highlighting the State's failure to provide adequate protection and ensure swift, impartial, and effective justice;

WHEREAS, this pattern of violence constitutes a severe violation of the right to life and security of person, and underscores the urgent need for legislative action to address hate crimes, strengthen protective mechanisms, and dismantle systemic discrimination that fuels such violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Women and Gender Equality conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, into the alarming cases of trans killings and other violence against transgender people in the country, to:

- Assess the efficacy and responsiveness of current law enforcement and justice mechanisms in addressing violence against transgender, nonbinary, gender-diverse, and gender non-conforming people through effective prevention strategies and urgent response;

- Evaluate the need for specific legislation to classify and penalize hate crimes, including those motivated by transphobia, homophobia, and gender-based discrimination;

- Review and propose enhancements to state policies and programs aimed at promoting inclusion and equality;
- Ensure justice and accountability for all cases and establish a framework to prevent further loss of life among transgender Filipinos.

Adopted,

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